



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Congratulations to Mrs Moore

This week saw members of the Governing Board carry out one of their most important roles in School. On Tuesday morning we carried out interviews for the next Deputy Headteacher of Thomas Russell Infants School. We are thrilled to announce that we have

appointed Mrs Moore as the next Deputy Headteacher of our School. Building on her successes over the last ten years at TRIS and her recent time as Acting Deputy we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure we offer the best education we can here at Thomas Russell Infants.

It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of the process and I would like to take this opportunity to send out the most sincere thanks to the School Council members on behalf of the Governing Board, for their help with the interview process. The time and effort they had put into the questions the children asked Mrs Moore was evident. "What makes you creative in your teaching?" and "How would you make sure everyone is happy?" are just two examples of the rigorous questioning session. My personal favourite was, "Tell us your best joke.", although Mrs Moore was very honest and admitted that she is not very good at remembering jokes!

Congratulations to Mrs Moore and well done to the school council.

Tim Hopkins—Chair of the Governing Body

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18 March—wear red and bring donation for Sport Relief!

Friday 18 March—2W parent lunch 11.30

Tuesday 22 March—Easter Egg hunt and bonnet parade

Thursday 24 March—Easter church service 9.30

Thursday 24 March—Break up for Easter

Monday 11 April—back to school

Thursday 28 April—Year 1 assembly 9.15

Tuesday 3 May—Maypole dancing

Wednesday 29 June—Sports Day & summer fayre

All change for Reception!

Work in the Reception outdoor area begins next Monday 14th March. Entrance and exit into the Reception classrooms and cloakroom from Monday afternoon will be via the front door by the school office until further notice. The children will be brought out to you, so please wait in the car park by the main school gates. On Tuesday morning, please come in via the main entrance. We are very much looking forward to the finished area, which is going to be a surprise for the children!

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

2W have a letter about their parent lunch next Friday 18 March.

If your child is performing in the Abbots Bromley dance show, there is a letter with further details.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RR—two for next week!

RL— Sam Griffiths for working really hard at maths

2M— Grace Craine for really taking on board and listening to advice about how to improve work

2W— Ethan Wright for a superb understanding of subtraction

*Well done, children—
keep up the good work!*

Year 2 Football sessions

Parents and carers of Year 2 children will again have the opportunity to come into school on Wednesday 23 March to see the FA football sessions in action.

A letter will go out next week detailing the exact times, so keep an eye on your book bags.



Class teacher posts

We are now recruiting for two new class teachers from September. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to look at the school website where a link can be found. Thank you.

School Defibrillator news

Thanks to the fantastic fund-raising efforts of the Cartwright family and friends, we have just been given £700 to buy and install a defibrillator in our school. After her son Daniel collapsed at Juniors with a previously undiagnosed heart condition, Stephanie Cartwright has also raised enough money to provide TRJS and John Taylor High School with their own equipment to help them in case of another emergency like Daniel's (who has made a great recovery and is back at school).

We'd like to say a huge 'thank you' for this donation—which could potentially save a life - and will keep you posted on progress.

Class Photos

These will be taken next Tuesday 15th March during the school day. They will be available for you to buy in the same way as the individual photos and are a lovely keepsake.



Bedtime stories

It was Year 1's turn to don their pyjamas and onesies last Friday for the Bedtime Story session. Books were read and hot chocolate was drunk and a good time was had by all! Year 2 get their go tonight at 6.30pm.

An itchy problem...

We have had quite a few cases of head lice in school recently—please be vigilant and check your child's hair frequently. It often requires the hair being combed with a nit comb to detect them as they are too small to spot in the hair just by looking. If you do find nits, please use an appropriate treatment before bringing your child back into school. We would also encourage children with long hair to keep it tied up. Thank you!

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton



Easter reminders

Hopefully, all the children are working hard on their Easter bonnet creations in readiness for the Easter Bonnet parade on Tuesday 22 March. Just to remind you, these are the timings for the Easter trail and parade:

9.10am- Reception classes with parents

9.30am- Year 1 classes with parents

10.45am - Year 2 classes with parents

10.10am—Bonnet parade outside (if wet, in the hall!)

The PTA will be serving refreshments during the morning, but please be understanding of the space restrictions in the hall and try to time your visit to coincide with your child's time slot!

The church service is on 24 March at 9.30—parents and carers are welcome. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to offer your services to walk to and from school with the children. Thank you.